

Hawley Police Department

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Dear Hawley Community Stakeholder,

We are approaching the time of year when dangerous weather presents itself to us as challenges for the community. The City of Hawley and the Hawley Police Department would like to take steps to prepare our community for any potential disaster. We are reaching out to community stakeholders to ascertain what capabilities and resources are available to our community. In turn, we will produce a comprehensive list of these resources for the citizens of Hawley and the surrounding community. These will be resources that we can activate in a timely manner to assist our community members in their time of need. The following is a possible list of needs but is not all inclusive in nature.

- 1. Shelter from Dangerous Storms - In the event that a severe storm or tornado is in the Hawley area, many citizens will need safe places where they can sit out the storm. These locations will need to be accessed within just a few minutes of a warning and should be sturdy enough to withstand high winds and hail.**
- 2. Shelters after a storm or catastrophic event - In the aftermath of storm, fire or other catastrophic events, citizens will need locations to come for temporary shelter, food, water, and support. City Hall does not have the room to accommodate large numbers and a suitable alternative(s) is needed.**
- 3. Resources for First Responders - As we saw with the recent fires on CR 324 and CR 335, our volunteer firefighters and other First Responders may be on the scene for extended period of times. During this time, providing food and water to them helps keep them on scene and in top condition. Resources can include bottled water, food, energy bars, electrolyte drinks, wipes, etc.**
- 4. Resources for travelers - resources for displaced travelers that are caught out on the road and need assistance. This has been evidenced by both Hurricane Harvey evacuees and also possible snow/ice storm motorists that have been stranded locally.**

If your organization or group can and would like to assist in any of these needs, please respond to this letter with a list of contacts available on a 24 hr basis, type of need or needs you can supply, and anything else you feel you can offer. The contact list will only be shared with the local government, Volunteer Fire Department, and the Jones County Sheriff's dispatch.

It is hoped that we will never have a need to use this list but preparation could save lives. As witnessed by the recent fires, responses by area resources can take crucial minutes and anything that can be done to cut down response times can save lives and property. There has also been some interest in building a Hawley Storm Shelter for area residents, possibly next to the new fire department building. If your group is interested in assisting in the planning and/or fund raising for this endeavor, please let us know.

Hawley is a great community and has a reputation for coming together and looking out for each other. I know that the response to this letter will be great and we will soon have a much better plan to assist our residents.

Sincerely Yours,

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